

The Rush County Council met in regular session on Wednesday, October 8, 2014 at 8:00 a.m. with Gerald Mohr, Chairman, Warren Norris, Charles Smith, Janet Kile, Marvin Hedrick, Kevin Spilman, Jerry Kent, Mary Ann Beard, Auditor and Leigh Morning, County Attorney in attendance.

Chairman, Gerald Mohr called the meeting to order.

Minutes of the September budget meeting were approved on a motion by Charles Smith and seconded by Warren Norris with one correction. Charles Smith abstained from the non-binding budget for Posey Township.

RECORDER

The following ordinance permitting the Recorder to use Perpetuation Funds for budgeted line items was approved on a motion by Jerry Kent. Marvin Hedrick seconded the motion. Motion carried.

HIGHWAY

Highway Superintendent Jerry Sitton was granted approval for an additional appropriation for \$120,000.00 in the Highway fund on a motion by Marvin Hedrick and a second by Jerry Kent. Motion carried.

ECDC

Rush County Economic Director, John McCane urged the council to accept the after deadline applications for tax abatements for Pioneer Hi-Bred International. Jerry Kent moved to allow the extension and to sign the CF-1 forms for both Real Estate and Personal Property abatements. Charles Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mc Cane reported that the 16th Street extension is now open and Taco Bell restaurant has broken ground. Progress continues on the downtown housing project and the North Industrial Park.

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

Ashley Stevens, director of Community Corrections presented the annual report. Stevens shared that 95 individuals have participated in the program, providing 225 hours of community service. The program is funded through a combination of grant funds and user fees. As this program grows, Stevens sees the need for additional space and employees.

RUSH/ SHELBY ENERGY BUILDING

The Commissioners requested the Council to re-visit the purchased of the Rush/Shelby Energy building located at 126 South Main Street. The building would provide much needed record storage space, and additional office space. It also offers a revenue stream for offices that are occupied by renters. Jerry Kent moved that a committee be formed to research the financial impact associated with this purchase. The committee members are Scott Barnes, Marvin

Hedrick, Leigh Morning and Bruce Levi. Janet Kile seconded the motion. Motion carried with Charles Smith abstaining.

TRANSFERS

The Prosecutor received a transfer of \$500 from law enforcement to part time in the Bad Check Fund on a motion by Warren Norris. Charles Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Coroner requested \$100 be transferred from gas/oil to supplies. Jerry Kent moved to approve with Warren Norris offering the second. Motion carried.

SALARY ORDINANCE

The 2015 Salary Ordinance was approved on a motion by Warren Norris. Charles Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENTS

Auditor Mary Ann Beard requested permission to advertise for the Council's annual appointments. Applications will be accepted for Hospital Board, Library Board, Alcoholic Beverage Board and Fiber Optic Board. Jerry Kent made the motion to advertise. Marvin Hedrick seconded the motion. Motion carried.

AREA PLAN COMMISSION

Marvin Hedrick shared the possibility of separate city and county APC and BZA Boards and the jurisdictional expansion of the city. Leigh Morning stated that there is no two mile buffer for city expansion and they are limited the geographical boundaries of the City Corporation.

SHERIFF

Sheriff Jeff Sherwood reported 40 inmates are currently housed at the jail. The jail has experienced a termite problem but the building has been treated at a cost of \$2,250. The sheriff is looking into the cost of new 911 consoles and will report next meeting.

Motion to adjourn was initiated by Marvin Hedrick. Charles Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

/s/ Gerald Mohr
Gerald Mohr, Chairman

/s/ Warren Norris
Warren Norris

/s/ Charles Smith
Charles Smith

/s/ Janet Kile
Janet Kile

/s/ Marvin Hedrick
Marvin Hedrick

/s/ Kevin Spilman
Kevin Spilman

/s/ Jerry Kent
Jerry Kent

ATTEST:

/s/ Mary Ann Beard
Mary Ann Beard, Auditor